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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	Group Art Unit: 1651
VALERIE A. MASTON	)	Examiner: Kosson, Rosanne
Serial No.: 10/766,552	)	
Filed: January 27, 2004	)	
For: A SELF-CONTAINED AND	)	
STREAMLINED METHANE AND/OR	)	
HIGH PURITY HYDROGEN	)	
GENERATION SYSTEM	)	

## **RESPONSE**

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In the First Office Action mailed May 17, 2005, the Examiner has required restriction to one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. § 121:

- I. Claims 1-12, drawn to a process for producing methane or hydrogen, ..., classified in class 435, subclass 267.
- II. Claims 12-28, drawn to a methane or hydrogen generation system, ..., classified in class 435, subclass 303.2.

In response, Applicant hereby elects, with traverse, to prosecute the invention of Group II, claims 12 to 28, drawn to a methane or hydrogen generation system.

Applicant understands that claims 1-12 will be withdrawn from further consideration by the Examiner pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.142(b), as being drawn to a non-elected invention.

Respectfully submitted,

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